



Signs of a Successful Transition to School

According to a study by Ramey & Ramey,¹ some early signs of successful transition practices are:

- Children will like school and look forward to going to school.
- Children will show steady growth in academic skills.
- Parents will become actively involved in their children's education—at home, in school, and in the community.
- Classroom environments will promote positive feelings for both teachers and children.
- Teachers, staff members, and families will value each other.
- Schools and programs will celebrate cultural diversity in their communities.
- Developmentally appropriate practices will be visible within the classroom.
- The community will show consistent investment in the education of children and will strive to increase available learning opportunities.

¹ Ramey C.T., and S.L. Ramey, "The transition to school: Why the first few years matter for a lifetime." *Phi Delta Kappan* 76(3). November 1994, pp. 194-198.